

Red Deer Arts Council

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A dynamic community that celebrates and supports the Arts

Red Deer Arts Council and Red Deer Public Library are pleased to present a musical performance by

Wiklund vs Wiklund

This presentation coincides with the Red Deer Arts Council Visual Arts Members Juried Exhibition

“Baby It’s Cold Out Here”

running until April 22, 2019
in the Kiwanis Gallery.

First Friday Red Deer Opening:
April 5th, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Members of the Red Deer Arts Council, affiliates, media and invited guests are welcome to attend our First Friday event!

Check out the award-winning and feisty married couple Wiklund vs Wiklund as they perform new music from their debut album, *Love Aches*. With an infectious energy and raw honesty, this contemporary roots duo possess a classic sound reminiscent of 70’s & 80’s folk rock & country (Fleetwood Mac & Tom Petty meet Dolly Parton & Johnny Cash) and take pride in creating catchy & soulful songs in the hope of connecting with the young and the young at heart! Based in Red Deer, AB, musical soul mates Dan & Melody Wiklund have harmonized and traveled all over central & western Canada, playing, writing and recording original music with their acoustic duo project. Small town folks who grew up in the hills of southern Manitoba, they have hundreds of live performances under their belt, including opening for the likes of Julian Austin and Charlie Major (Tailcreek 2017), with their most recent efforts winning them a 2018 Red Deer Entertainment Award.

I’ve Been Knitting Up a Storm
Ink, Pencil, Watercolour, 2018
Susan Barker



News and Events Happening in April

An update from our 2018 Artwalk Developing Visual Artist Award winner – Margriet Hogue:

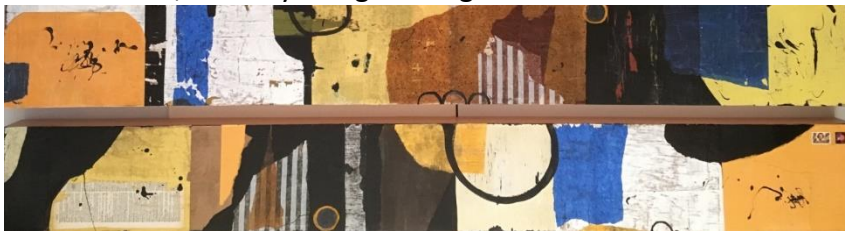
“Last year I was the fortunate recipient to receive the first Artwalk Developing Visual Artist Award. I used the funds to take a workshop with Michael Shemchuck on Vancouver Island. This workshop, as well as others, are organized by Mary Stewart who runs Vancouver Island Art Workshops and she brings in some amazing instructors both for painting and silver smiting. This particular class was held at the Saanich Fairgrounds and ran from Monday through Friday, 10-5 each day, although we could stay until 8pm. I flew out and stayed at an Airbnb with a friend. However, I was actually quite ill, but I felt better as the week progressed.

Michael, or Shem as he likes to be called, is from California and works primarily with house paint and paper and we followed his instruction in this method. Every day, we would gather and Shem would demonstrate and we could ask questions. He also went around and spent time with each participant. There were about 20 of us taking the class.

We worked on two panels measuring 24” x 48”. They were meant to be a diptych. We also did three panels 20” square that went together as a triptych and then two totems, these are two panels measuring 9” x 72” x 3.5” and can either be hung vertically or horizontally. The group worked with layering paper and then paint which could be repeated a number of times. We then would sand and score into all this to reveal layers below. I was able to complete a couple of pieces while at the workshop. I finished the rest back home in Red Deer. This was the second workshop that I have taken with him and I highly recommend his class to anyone interested in abstraction.



What Lies Beneath (20” x 60” triptych)
Mixed Media, 2018 by Margriet Hogue



Just Rolling Along (48” x 48” ‘diptych)
Mixed Media, 2018 by Margriet Hogue

Totem II & III (7” x 72” each) Mixed Media, 2018 by Margriet Hogue

Waskasoo Bluegrass Music Scholarship

The Red Deer Arts Council is still accepting applications until April 10th, 2019! Find out more and download the application form at www.reddeerartscouncil.ca/scholarships-awards.

The Canada Council for the Arts is holding an information session and workshop for professional artists on **Monday April 29th from 10am – 12pm**, then taking meetings with local artists who want to find out more about what the Canada Council does to support artists. A professional artist is defined as: one who has specialized training in the artistic field (not necessarily in academic institutions), is recognized as a professional by his or her peers (artists working in the same artistic tradition), is committed to devoting more time to artistic activity, if possible financially, has a history of public presentation or publication.



Encore | **20th Anniversary Art Sale**

Friday, April 26th
 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Sip'n Shop 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 Artist Paint Off 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 27th
 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Sip'n Shop 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 Endowment Art Awards 4:00 pm

Feature Artist - Donna Spencer

www.lacombe.ca/artsale

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Maureen MacKenzie's message: Art is all around you

Art is everywhere — if you look. As the co-ordinator of Lacombe's Encore Art Sale, Maureen MacKenzie loves to open eyes to art's limitless potential. It's a world shared by corset makers and coppersmiths, Harley Davidson air brushers and recycled metal magicians — all of whom have found a showcase at one time or another at the annual art sale at Lacombe Memorial Centre, which runs April 26 – 27. This year is the 20th anniversary of the event.

"We try to bring in different art forms to help people understand that art isn't limited to drawing, pottery and painting." says Maureen, who has run the show since 2010. "Art is everywhere. It's about everything around you."

And Maureen would know. She spent years as a sandblast artist, etching her Celtic-inspired designs into everything from slate and granite to glass and tile. Several years ago, she stepped away from sandblasting and has recently turned her hands to coppersmithing and jewelry making.



Maureen and her committee of dedicated volunteers try to kick off each art show with something a little different. Cue the corset makers, who showed off their creations in a fashion show one year. Another year, air brush artists showcased how they can turn motorcycle gas tanks into mobile masterpieces. "This year, we're having an artist paint-off. Five artists have an hour to create a painting right before your eyes." Think of it as the creative process witnessed live and on fast forward. The paint-off starts at 7 pm on Friday, April 26th.

"A lot of people have never really had an opportunity to create with paint so it's fun for them to see how it's done. It makes a cool date night where you can enjoy artwork along with wines, brews, great appetizers and desserts. Ryon Holmedal and Pete Christian will be performing on guitar from 6:30 – 8:30 pm"

The show, featuring more than 40 artists and over 25 pieces of student art, runs 1 – 9 pm on Friday the 26th and 11 am – 5 pm on Saturday the 27th. Admission is just \$5 during the day and \$10 Friday night. Donna Spencer, a local artist who creates unique, slab-formed ceramics, is this year's guest artist, and a selection of some of Central Alberta's brightest music students will provide background music throughout the show both days.

On Saturday at 4 pm the Arts Endowment Awards will be presented to junior high and high school artists juried at the show, along with major Arts Endowment Awards of up to \$2,500. For more information go to www.lacombe.ca and look under "Living" then "Art Sale." Or visit [events](#) on the City of Lacombe's [Facebook page](#).

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I am the Arts

I always say that not every family can afford to participate in sports, but we can all encourage our kids or ourselves to pick up a pen, pencil crayon, or paintbrush and express ourselves in that way.